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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

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Please see the attached communication regarding the paper filed 12/19/05.

Applicants' initial attempt (filed 12/19/05) to comply with the "election of species" requirement is acknowledged. The election requirement (mailed 8/18/05) was to elect each of four different species as follows:

- a) a first NCA monomer;
- b) a second NCA monomer;
- c) a specific amido-containing metallacycle that is formed in step (b)(ii) of claim 16; the Lewis base ligand and metal ion should be specified;
- d) a solvent in which the polymerization is conducted.

In response, applicants have made an attempt to elect one of the four, although even this election is not fully responsive, since there is no indication of whether the *gamma*-benzyl glu NCA is the "first" NCA monomer (as this term is used in claim 16) or the "second" NCA monomer.

To reiterate, election of each of the following is required:

- a) a first NCA monomer;
- b) a second NCA monomer;
- c) a specific amido-containing metallacycle that is formed in step (b)(ii) of claim 16; the Lewis base ligand and metal ion should be specified;
- d) a solvent in which the polymerization is conducted.

Thus, there are a total of four separate species to elect. If applicants are still having difficulty understanding which species to elect, applicants are invited to contact the examiner.

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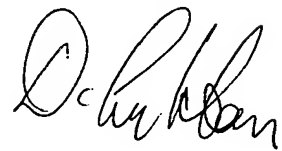
Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Lukton whose telephone number is 571-272-0952. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell, can be reached at (571)272-0974. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-1600.



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